

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a listing of claims presently in the application:

Claims 1-26 (canceled)

27. (currently amended) A holder according to claim 44 [[26]], wherein the locking device comprises a strap and a snap-fastener.

28. (currently amended) A holder according to claim 44 [[26]], wherein the first holding member comprises a bracket and a [[strap,] strap.

29. (withdrawn) A holder according to claim 28, wherein the strap is manufactured from a material that is different from the material of the bracket.

30. (previously presented) A holder according to claim 28, wherein the bracket and strap are manufactured from the same material as one homogenous piece.

31. (currently amended) A holder according to claim 44 [[26]], wherein the material of the first holding member is a natural or synthetic rubber material.

32. (currently amended) A holder according to claim 44 [[26]], wherein the material of the first holding member provides a comparatively high frictional contact with the baton compared with the second holding member.

33. (currently amended) A holder according to claim 44 [[26]], wherein the second holding member is manufactured from a material that, in combination with the selected diameter of the opening, provides a comparatively low frictional contact with the baton compared with the first holding member.

34. (currently amended) A holder according to claim 44 [[26]], wherein the first holding member is located at a predetermined distance from the second holding member, and wherein said distance is dictated by a passive length of the baton.

35. (currently amended) A holder according to claim 44 [[26]], wherein the first and second holding members are

attached to a member selected from the group consisting of a belt, a strap, and an elongate rigid support.

36. (previously presented) A holder according to claim 35, wherein the belt has a buckle and wherein the first holding member is attached to the belt in close proximity to the buckle, and wherein the second holding member is attached to the belt on the same side of the buckle as the first holding member.

37. (previously presented) A holder according to claim 35, wherein the belt has a buckle and wherein the first holding member is attached to the belt in close proximity to the buckle, and wherein the second holding member is attached to the belt on the opposite side of the buckle as the first holding member.

38. (withdrawn) A holder according to claim 35, wherein the rigid support is attached to a user's leg.

39. (withdrawn and currently amended) A holder according to claim 44 [[26]], wherein the holder is manufactured from an integral part of a garment worn by a user of the holder.

40. (withdrawn) A holder according to claim 39, wherein the garment is a waistcoat.

41. (currently amended) A holder according to claim 44 [[26]], wherein the second holding member is manufactured from a plastic material.

42. (previously presented) A holder according to claim 35, wherein the first and second holding members hold the baton in a position that is mainly parallel to the belt, strap or elongate rigid support.

43. (currently amended) A holder according to claim 44 [[26]], wherein the first holding member is manufactured from a flexible material.

44. (new) A baton holder for carrying a baton (32), said baton holder being attachable to a wearable elongate support member (31), said baton holder comprising

a first holding member (1) that substantially encircles the baton towards the grip end of the baton so that the grip end (33) is free;

said first holding member (1) comprising a material that is flexible and that includes a locking device (7, 8) suited to close and open respectively for a gap (6) in the first holding member (1), the gap (6) for receiving/discharging the baton (32) into/out of the first holding member (1) whilst the free grip end of the baton (32) is held; and

a second holding member (10) that encircles the baton at a distance further away from the grip end (33) than said first holding member (1), said second holding member (10) comprising a material (21) with an opening (22) that has a diameter marginally larger than the diameter of the end of the baton that said second holding member (10) is intended to encircle;

wherein said first and second holding members (1, 10) have the form of separate components comprising respective receiving members (3, 13) that each independently allow for attachment to the elongate support member (31) so that the holder assumes the function of a single unit (1, 31, 10), which still provides for adjustment of the distance between the holding members (1, 10) while, during use, consistently holding the baton (32) in a position with the longitudinal axis of the baton (32) mainly parallel to said elongate support member (31).